

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 3-4, 6-11, 13-14, 16-21, 23, and 25 will be pending in the present application. Claims 22 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to incorporate the elements from cancelled claims 22 and 24. Claims 3 and 13 have been amended to correct claim dependencies in light of the cancellation of claims 22 and 24. Amendments to the claims are not intended to limit the scope of the invention. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any of the cancelled claims and any of the amended claims in their original form in a continuation application. No new matter has been added.

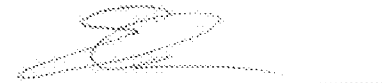
The Examiner is thanked for indicating that dependent claims 3-4, 6-7, 9, 13-14, 16-17, 19, 22, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has incorporated the elements of dependent claims 22 and 24 into independent claims 1 and 11, respectively. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 11, and the claims that depend therefrom, are in proper form for allowance. Since independent claim 21 recites elements similar to those of claims 1 and 11, Applicant respectfully submits that it is also in proper form for allowance for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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